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## Veteran of Two Wars Remembers Fallen Comrades and Relatives on Memorial Day

By RICH MORALLO

(May 26, 2005) Metro's Jes Godinez will be thinking about Colonel Gonzalo R. Castro, Marine Lance Corporal Alejandro R. Godinez and Army Sergeant Vincent Lucio when he mounts his motorcycle for the 45-minute ride from Pomona to the Riverside National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

"They're relatives who died in action in Vietnam and Korea, and who served in the Pacific during World War II," says Godinez,

His father-in-law, Col. Castro, was a WW II guerilla freedom fighter in the hills of the Philippines. Sgt. Lucio, an uncle, died in Korea; and Lance Cpl. Godinez, another uncle, fell in battle in Vietnam.

"I remember and thank them every day," says Godinez.

An assistant manager for revenue equipment maintenance, Godinez himself is a master sergeant in the Air Force Reserves.

## Active and reserve time

"I was in the Marines for two years, 12 years on active duty in the Air Force, and 15 more in the reserves," says Godinez, who served in both Vietnam and Desert Storm.

"I come from a large military family," the Metro manager says, explaining that 12 other relatives have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. "My daughter is in the Air Force assigned to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas."

Another uncle, 1st Sgt. Jesus M. Lucio, was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars, and a mother-in-law, 1st Lt. Jane Rundall, served in the Marines as a procurement officer both during WW II.

Christopher Chilles, a nephew in the Army Reserve, was wounded in action in Iraq and has recently returned home.

## Commemorative program

On Memorial Day, Godinez will join hundreds of other veterans and community residents for the annual Riverside program, staged on a 740-acre green landscape solemnly dotted with head stones.

Besides offering silent thanks and prayers for fallen comrades and relatives, Godinez will also salute a grateful nation.



Metro manager and Air Force Reserves Master Sgt. Jes Godinez.

"America has started to appreciate service members and their sacrifices," he says. "People stop and shake your hand when they see you in uniform."

"They say real men don't cry, but I tell you it is an awesome feeling when they fire the 21-gun salute and play taps," says Godinez. "You'll see veterans with tears in their eyes saluting their friends under white crosses."

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